

SENATE BILL 1202

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44,
relative to the national animal identification
system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 11, is amended by adding
the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 44-11-1__.

(a) The department shall develop and implement an animal identification
program that is consistent with the United States Department of Agriculture's National
Animal Identification System.

(b) The department shall request all persons subject to the identification program
to voluntarily provide all information necessary as determined by the department to
implement and maintain the program. Participation in the program shall not be required
until such time as participation is mandated under federal laws or regulations.

(c) All information collected by the department pursuant to this section is
confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure under title 10, chapter 7, except
by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as authorized by rule of the department.

(d) The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as the
department may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such
rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the
Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.